

Dr Gray

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Cambridge, Saturday  
22<sup>nd</sup> July.

My Dear Friend

I have your message  
from Olney.

Come on Saturday next  
29<sup>th</sup> and have the Sunday with  
us. - the only chance -  
Later than that we could  
not give you a day - nor  
more than an hour for  
talk.

As to Academy - its  
name is all right - all  
it wants is a local habita-  
tion, Washington, make it  
the Academy at the Seat  
of Government - keep your  
~~outside~~ members not con-  
nected with Government - as in  
office or employed by Government -  
and not resident within  
100 miles or so - as Corresponding  
members, ~~increase~~ at least after

Miss [unclear] in Disaffection  
- and increase your ~~connections~~  
with proper persons - resident  
in the District, or in the  
employment of Government - officers  
- wherever they may reside,  
Then you will do well,  
and perform useful functions.

Yours ever - hoping  
to see you - I up me a  
line.

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